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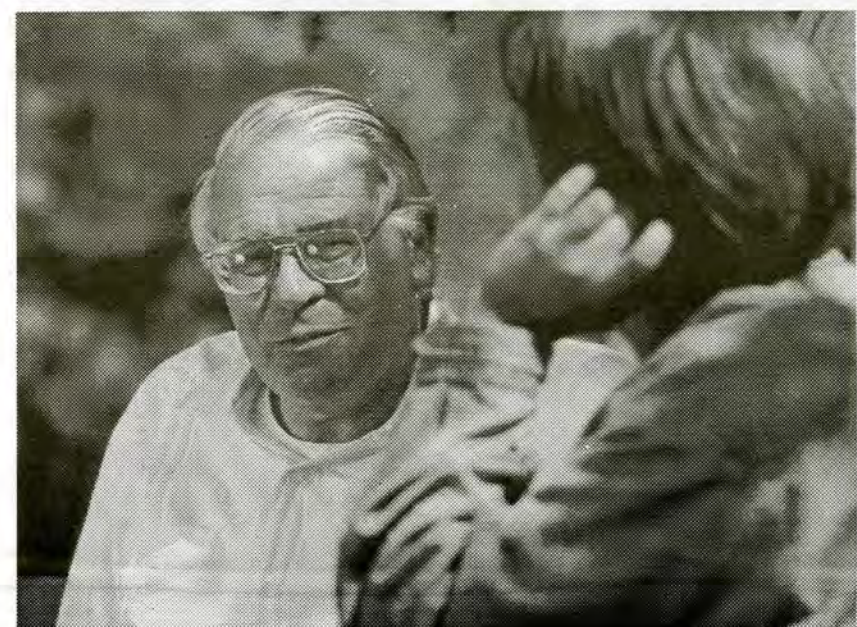
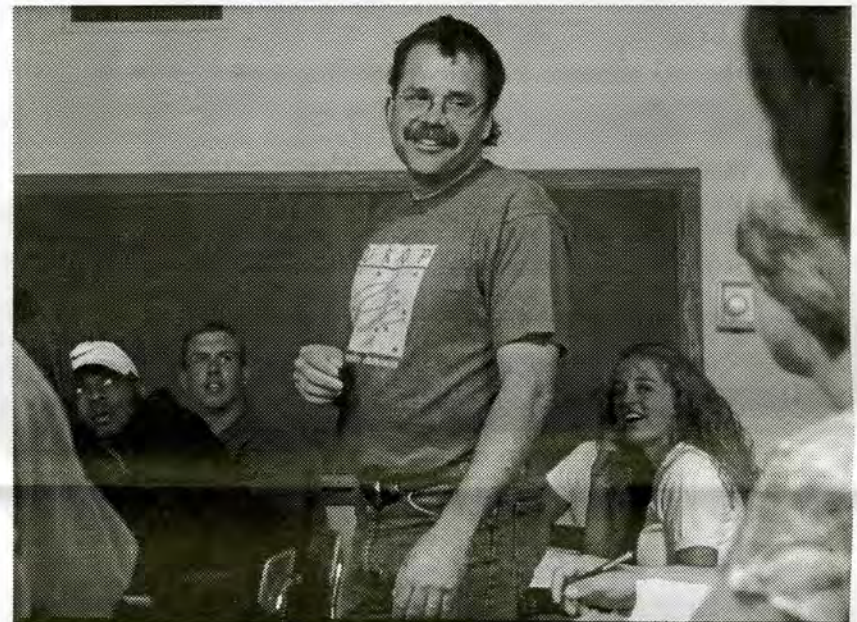
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go to the head of the class

*"Faculty is chosen for
their dedication to
undergraduate teaching
in the liberal arts. Most
are fine scholars and
deeply involved in
outstanding academic
research, but their first
love is in the classroom."*

**-Sam Schuman
Interim Chancellor and Dean**



Top to bottom: Stacey Parker Aronson (Spanish), Jim Cotter (geology), Gwen Rudney (education), Ernie Kemble (psychology)

Lighting the match

“The first thing I tell anyone who wants to advise is ‘listen,’” says Karla Klinger, director of the UMM Advising Program.

It would be impossible not to get excited about academic advising when talking to Klinger. An adviser herself since 1974 and director of the program since 1994, Klinger’s pride in UMM’s advising program, her enthusiasm in sharing advisee experiences over the years, and her commitment to continuing the long-standing excellence of the UMM program, are contagious.

“On the one hand, there’s advising outside the classroom,” explained Klinger. “I think you’ll find that, on this campus, students have lots of people from whom they get advice, about different things, depending on what stage [the student] is in.”

Of course, added Klinger, advising is also going to be done by faculty in the classroom: “...Like answering, ‘what course should I take next?’ ...’ which one will help me learn this...?’ ...’ what will help me most for graduate school?’ Faculty give this advice as members of an academic discipline whether or not they are the student’s ‘official’ adviser.”

In short, said Klinger, advising on the Morris campus, broadly defined, is “de-centralized.” There is advising going on at UMM, not only by faculty, but by staff and non-teaching professionals too.

“The first year we strongly encourage the student to see their adviser,” said Dorothy DeJager, who works in the Advising Program office and whose own children have benefitted from UMM’s advising program. “Sometimes student

“My academic adviser was Ellen Ordway, a biology professor with a special interest in entomology. I was a bio major with a focus on pre-med... the quality about Ellen that I will always remember is her ability to listen to my concerns and problems and support my decisions. Early on in college I struggled with academics, and the likelihood of getting accepted into medical school was becoming smaller. Nevertheless, it was something I dreamed of doing for many years, and she stood by me in my decision to keep pursuing that dream even when it seemed too outrageous. She helped me find other ways to strengthen my resume, and encouraged me to keep working hard in my toughest classes. In the end, I was successful in achieving my dream, and she was an influential participant in that achievement.”

-Mark Moe '97

and faculty don’t connect at the right time; thus, the policy is then that one finds someone else in the discipline or talks with the division chair, so there is always a back-up. I think that’s part of what helps students be comfortable getting advice elsewhere.”

“Advising is a diverse process,” said Tom McRoberts, adviser, associate director of University College, and director of the Center for International Programs at UMM. “You meet students at different points of the process and their needs vary. You expect an adviser to be familiar with the academic requirements. But the real value is to ignite a person intellectually.”

“Truman Driggs [professor of history, 1963-1989] was an intellectual mentor as well as my academic adviser,” McRoberts continued. “His importance was in his intellectual influence; he made me excited about learning first and about history second. There were a number of people like that, Jack Imholte, Jim Gremmels...they were excited about learning and made others excited.”

DeWitt Webster ’83, an academic adviser for a time, modeled his work after McRoberts. “Tom did what no one else had done; he talked with me...about my interests — the

things I liked about school and life. He didn’t focus on academics but on who I was as a person. Later we continued those conversations...putting those interests into academic interests...he turned my life around.”

Bea Nelson ’83, University Without Walls graduate in program administration with an emphasis in administrative management: “As a nontraditional student, I did not want just to be told what to do: I had strong ideas about what courses I wanted to take and the direction in which I wanted to go. As...I found my interests and my area of concentration rapidly changing...Tom [McRoberts] and I met frequently to discuss how to integrate my new learning and my interests into my final degree program.”

Academic advising at UMM is not new. “The first policy was put into words in 1970 by Joe Jesseph, then director of counseling,” said Klinger. In 1970, the Campus Assembly officially recognized the potential power of advising by investing the responsibility for providing it with the faculty.

UMM is committed to academic advising by faculty and to encouraging the special relationships possible between students, faculty and staff. The ad-

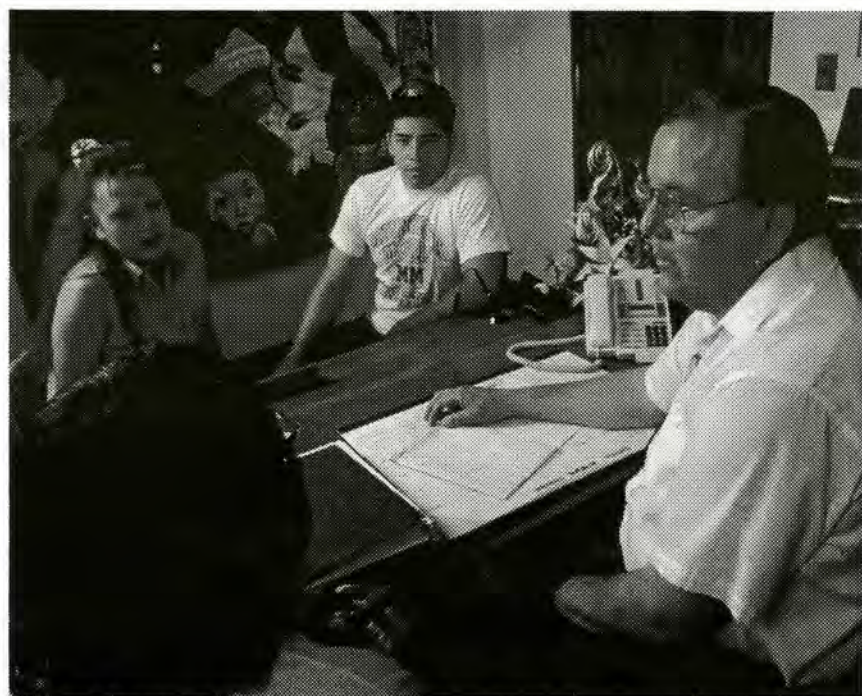
vising guidelines state that faculty will schedule at least three office hours per week in addition to scheduling appointments with advisees.

“It’s interesting that so many of the advising criteria that we talked about in 1975 became part of the Tate Advising Award criteria in 1987,” said Klinger. [The Tate criteria refer to the All-University John Tate Awards given annually since 1987 for excellence in undergraduate advising. Klinger, McRoberts and Joe Latterell, chemistry, have been UMM Tate recipients.]

“UMM is right there with the philosophy of what we call ‘developmental advising.’ And that means you’re looking at the whole person. We were there in the middle of the ’70s before such a philosophy had become popular; we’ve been there since the beginning of our advising program. I don’t think that you could improve on UMM’s advising philosophy.”

Incoming freshman students are matched with an adviser in the field of study being considered as a major. In order to encourage good advising to happen, first- and second-year students are required to meet with their advisers. Advisers meet their advisees during Orientation to register for winter and spring

"I do have good memories of my adviser, not because he necessarily spent a great deal of time with me, or did anything unique, but more that I knew there was someone to go to if I needed help. It's funny, because I don't ever remember going to him for help on a specific issue (that doesn't mean I didn't, it's just that I don't remember doing so). However, knowing he was there was a good thing. My adviser was Dr. Thomas Straw."
-Dwenda Gjerdengen '72



MIKE MILLER (right) of the Minority Student Program, talks with students.

quarters, and to plan for the next year or more. Klinger noted that, although students may initially meet with their adviser to obtain the required signatures, the percentage of students who continue to meet with their advisers even when no signature is needed increases as UMM students enter their sophomore, junior and senior years.

David Fluegel '97, community program specialist with the Center for Small Towns, said that he'd looked at the Advising web site and found that he had benefitted from all the kinds of advising listed there. "Bart Finzel helped me with requirements in the major and with my need to focus. How do I make a decision on which class to take when every class is interesting? I attended some of the career workshops and discovered interesting resources in the Career Library"....in the Master of Liberal Studies program offered through University College, "I am able to work toward my master's while continuing my job."

"My major is the Renaissance," said DeJager, who is completing a self-designed area of study in the Renaissance. "Edith Farrell (former UMM professor of French) was a Renaissance woman. She was my adviser, and the first time I met with her to design my program, she was more excited than I was. She stood up, started walking around the room and started pulling books off of the shelves...she had more suggestions and avenues and opportunities...I would have had to stay in school for 10 years to do all the things that she told me were possible. It made me so

excited, that her momentum, if I had not had my own, would have created momentum for me!"

DeJager recalled that Farrell would e-mail her titles of books that she should purchase. "I'll bet she did the same thing for other people even though they weren't her advisees."

According to Klinger, a student may choose to change advisers throughout her/his years at UMM, for one reason or another. A student may change majors or find, within a major, an area that they are very compatible with, or a faculty person with whom they particularly like to work. The maximum number of advisees that a faculty adviser may have is 30. While an adviser may go over 30 if she/he so chooses, the average number at UMM is around 20. Part of the responsibility of the Advising office is to keep the disbursement of advisees as even as possible.

"The campus is committed to this flexibility, so that the student can feel comfortable with the adviser and vice versa," said Klinger.

As one of three advisers to win the Tate Award, Klinger's work as an adviser between 1974 and 1994 was largely with non-traditional students and/or with alternative education. "What I loved most was to facilitate others — to join them in their process of clarifying their personal and educational goals. Joyce Lindgren, a former RN and Lutheran minister's wife with 12 children, went on to earn her master's of public health after she graduated from University Without Walls. Said Lindgren: "Karla continued to heighten my awareness of the connections

existing between my personal, best."

social and academic activities...She has the unique ability to put herself into the thinking of another person and draw from that student her very

"Advising well done touches people where they live," said Klinger, "and helps them learn things about themselves that maybe they didn't know."

-JUDY RILEY

"Truman Driggs was my academic adviser. When you were Truman's advisee, you did not just go in there for a cursory signature — you could never plan to get in and out of there in just a couple of minutes. He wanted to go over with you what you were taking and why. He and I had a big argument one time because, at 21, I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do and what I wanted to take. Truman made it clear that he wanted me to broaden my horizons about what I thought were acceptable courses to take. In this particular situation, he insisted that, while I was very interested in American history and I was a history major, that, if I was to be a history major, I needed to have a broader perspective than just American history. So he insisted that I choose a course in European history. In fact, he said you can do what I recommend or you can find yourself another adviser. I ended up taking Ted Underwood's Renaissance History course; [Truman] was right; it was an eye-opener for me, and a great course!"

"I actually started college at Moorhead State. A well-meaning faculty member sat me down and signed me up for a bunch of courses, but he never once asked me about my background in those courses. He put me in an advanced Spanish course that was way over my head."

"Good academic advising can make a lot of difference: one, in terms of whether people actually survive in college, and two, in terms of enriching the experience of being a student."

- Gary McGrath '68

Thanks for the Memories

Stepping to a different tune

After 40 years, Clyde Johnson will step into retirement, leaving a lasting music legacy



When sitting down with Clyde Johnson, one would hardly believe that behind his seemingly timid demeanor lies over 40 years of dedication, direction, and devotion to the teaching profession. Or that, behind his shining smile and contagious laugh, lies an intricate career that weaves itself through many musical endeavors. From composing to conducting to teaching at the collegiate level, Johnson has done it all.

While his love for music arose from his early musical experiences and admiration for his high school band director, Johnson admits that he never would have opted for another profession. After attending the University of Iowa for both undergraduate and graduate work, Johnson worked at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa and Bowling Green State University in Ohio, a position he eagerly tells that he "never interviewed for." However, it was the "freshness" of the University of Minnesota, Morris that brought Johnson to the Minnesota prairie.

While UMM has undergone many changes, including moving the music and theater departments to the Humanities Fine Arts Center in the early 1970s, Johnson can recount many activities in which he has participated throughout his career. From representing the construction of HFA on behalf of UMM at the Eastman School of Music's annual convention in 1967 to flying out to purchase the new Steinway pianos on the behalf of the discipline (saving UMM upwards of \$30,000),

Johnson's career has been full.

The best experience while at Morris, however, has been his work with the students, says Johnson. It was through the students and their abilities that Johnson was able to see progress, growth, and change. Dealing with the "up and coming students is fun to do," admits Johnson. "I always looked forward to work; you're not supposed to do that!"

Additional professional satisfaction came from administrative responsibilities. Being one of only two faculty members of the music discipline in the early years, Johnson had to fill many positions, including serving as the campus music coordinator. Johnson confesses that he would do it all the same if given the chance.

"I always looked forward to work..."

One of the many initiatives that Johnson added at UMM was the annual Music Scholarship Fund Drive. Beginning in 1978, Johnson coordinated a fund drive for scholarships to cover the cost of individual musical instruction for music

majors. Flyers with clever cartoon illustrations soon became a scholarship fund trademark, and the combination of Johnson, scholarship donors, and UMM was able to defray costs for talented students.

When Johnson retires in June, he plans to remain in Morris and pursue - even more aggressively than before - his passion for golf. His UMM legacy will be the scholarship fund he began which has been renamed in his honor.

The Clyde Johnson Music Scholarship was formally announced during the Clyde Johnson Dedication Concert on May 16. Funds raised in Johnson's honor have exceeded expectations, and Humanities Division Chair C. Frederick Farrell, Jr. proudly announced that the endowment has reached over \$52,000. The concert also included a performance by the Concert Band and the debut of the Clyde Johnson original composition, "Short Subjects."

Those interested in honoring Clyde Johnson's many years of service at UMM by contributing to the scholarship can call the Office of Fund Development at (320) 589-6066 or send gifts directly to UMM.

-SARAH HOGAN '01
Milwaukee, Wis.



FACULTY TRIO (l-r) Daisy Hansen, Jean Sharp, Johnson (1967)

In Memoriam

Dr. Iftikhar Khan



Dr. Iftikhar Khan, associate professor emeritus of English, died March 20 in Egypt. Dr. Khan suffered a stroke while visiting his daughter. He was 74 years old.

Dr. Khan was a member of the English faculty since 1966 and also served as a visiting professor in Saudi Arabia. He retired from UMM in 1995.

Dr. Khan was born and received his early education in India. He received master's and doctoral degrees in 18th Century English Literature and English and American Literature from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

A contemporary of Gandhi, Dr. Khan was involved in the political struggle to liberate India. He was often sought out for his expertise on the Middle East and conflicts of third world countries.

Dr. Sun Kahng



Dr. Sun Kahng, 72, professor and member of the economics and man-

agement faculty since 1965, died April 5 at his home.

Among his many curricular innovations and contributions both locally and abroad, Dr. Kahng established a student exchange program between UMM and Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. He also developed and implemented, in the 1970s, the business economics major and minor at UMM.

Dorothy Barber



In celebration of the contributions of Dorothy Barber to UMM, a reception was held in her memory on April 14. Barber, who passed away in August, was a member of the English faculty from 1965 until 1989, serving as a part-time instructor and assistant professor of English.

This occasion served as the inaugural event for the Barber Lecture Series made possible by a gift to the University of Minnesota Morris from Dorothy and Laird Barber, UMM English Professor Emeritus.

Students

Natalia Perkins '01, Shafer, Minn., died as the result of an automobile accident in January. **Peter McAnally '01**, Anoka, was injured in the accident.

Christy Anna Hansen '00, Morris, died March 30.

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*We'd like
to thank
the
academy...*



Eight named to Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Eight UMM faculty were among 75 faculty systemwide who were inducted into the University's Academy of Distinguished Teachers in a ceremony on the Twin Cities campus.

Inductees are James Carlson, professor of music; James Cotter, professor of geology; James Gremmels, professor of English; Roland Guyotte, associate professor of history; Eric

Klinger, professor of psychology; Jooinn Lee, professor of political science and chair of the Division of the Social Sciences; Fred Peterson, professor of art; and Engin Sungur, associate professor of mathematics.

"The academy is the brainchild of U of M President Mark Yudof, who wants excellent teaching to be as valued at the university as good re-

search is," said an article in the January 20 Minneapolis *Star Tribune*. "

Award-winning faculty will join the academy for five years and receive a permanent \$3,000 annual pay raise. During the five years they belong to the academy, they will receive \$1,500 a year to be used for professional development. Academy members will serve as mentors for new faculty members,

consultants on teaching and advisers to Yudof and other top administrators.

Members will hold the title "Distinguished Teaching Professor" during their career at the university.

Bart Finzel receives Alumni Teaching Award

Bart Finzel, associate professor of economics and management, is the recipient of the 1999 UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award. Thanks to the generosity of the UMM Alumni Association, the Morris campus recognizes its professors for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education through this annual award, first given in 1997.

"Bart Finzel, as I have known for some time, is an outstanding teacher," said Jack Imholte, professor of history and chair of the Functions and Awards Committee, who facilitates the award selection process and makes the final decision on its recipient. "One hears it via the vibes from all over campus — from both students and faculty."

"This was a very difficult choice," continued Imholte. "There were five finalists [for the award], every one of them potential award recipients."

Finzel joined the UMM faculty as an assistant professor in 1989. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Valparaiso (Ind.) University and his master of arts and doctoral degrees, both in economics, from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Most recently, Finzel has overseen the research efforts of UMM students to determine the most important factors people cite for either moving into a region, or out of it. The research was used by the Stevens County Economic Im-



BART FINZEL

provement Commission (SCEIC) to determine possible reasons for a labor shortage in Stevens County. He has worked to internationalize the content of the labor-management relations curriculum, and has sponsored several students and their projects through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and Morris Academic Partners.

Among a list of other innovations, Finzel has spearheaded semester system course revisions to decrease the size of lower division courses, maintain course diversity and create research seminars.

Faculty who have been at UMM for at least three years may be nominated for this award. Recipients receive \$1,000; in addition, the recipient's academic discipline — in the case of Finzel, the discipline is economics and management — is given \$500 to be used by the recipient.

Ratliff-Crain, Finzel are Morse Award selections

Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, associate professor of psychology, and Bart Finzel, associate professor of economics and management, are among eight recipients universitywide of the prestigious Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Award. The award is presented as a mark of excellence in undergraduate teaching.

"These are both exceptional faculty members, and splendid representatives of UMM's tradition and practice of excellence in teaching," said Interim Chancellor Sam Schuman. "Professors Ratliff-Crain and Finzel have made important contributions to their academic disciplines, to the Division of Social Sciences, and to the life of the campus as a whole. They have the deep respect and affection of students, faculty colleagues, and the entire campus community."

"It is remarkable that two of the eight all-university awards have come to UMM faculty this year — clear testimony of the excellence of teaching on this campus," said Ted Underwood, assistant academic dean for faculty affairs. "I am extremely proud of our two recipients and confident that more of these awards will be forthcoming next year, and beyond."

The award, named for a former dean of General College, was previously supported by the Amoco Foundation. The Senate Committee on Educational Policy conducts the award program to provide tangible all-uni-



JEFF RATLIFF-CRAIN

versity recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their strong commitment and outstanding contributions to undergraduate education.

"There is keen competition for this award, and award decisions are difficult," said Judith Martin, chair of the Senate Committee, in her letter of announcement to the recipients. "Receiving this award recognizes you as a member of a very distinguished group of faculty who exemplify the University of Minnesota's commitment to quality education."

The award, made possible by the U of M Alumni Association and the University, also signals pending induction into the new U of M Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Recipients receive an engraved sculpture, lapel pin, and a certificate.

CLASS OF '64

Richard Kloos, who lives in Robbinsdale, became a grandfather to Sarah Katherine in October.

Bonnie (Fjeld) Reeder has started a business called B. Reeder Pet Sitter and is also a part-time occupational therapist. She lives in St. Paul.

CLASS OF '65

Dennis Clausen has written *Prairie Son*, an account of his father's experiences growing up in west central Minnesota early in the century. It was published by Mid-List Press of Minneapolis. Dennis, his wife, Alexa, and son, Derl, live in Escondido, Calif. He is a professor of English at the University of San Diego.

Eunice (Walter) Peterson lives in Laporte. Her son has received a Ph.D. in molecular biology and chemistry.

CLASS OF '66

Jerome Anderson completed a M.A. degree in organizational management. He lives in San Francisco.

CLASS OF '67

Gladys Gerhardt of Barrett volunteers as a Rainbow Rider driver and plays keyboard in a band for senior citizens' events.

Tessa (Wiese) Mahoney and her husband Dennis were named to the "Winner's Circle" as one of the top dealers for Dekalb Genetics Corporation. The Winner's Circle honors those who achieve goals based on customer service, sales volume, and increases in agricultural seed orders. Tessa and Dennis live in Appleton.

Tamra (Holme) and Stanley Maughan of Edina announce that daughter Caroline married in November 1998.

CLASS OF '68

Stephen Thronson and his wife, Sharon, live in Evansville and have four daughters. Rhonda is married and lives in Alexandria, Nichola is a senior at Concordia, Kim is a sophomore at Concordia, and Keri is a sophomore in high school.

Diane Zellmann was honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998*. She teaches English and reading classes and is the librarian at Cedar Mountain. She and her husband, Lowell, live in Fairfax.

CLASS OF '69

Jeanne Baker Driscoll is director of development at the Institute for EastWest Studies in New York City.

Tom Ellis of Franklin is lead teacher at Dakota Open Charter School in Morton.

Jim Nichols has received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. He is director of economic development for Lincoln County and

operates the family farm near Lake Benton.

Janet (Drill) and Larry Luttmers '67 are having "lots of fun" with their five-year-old son David and look forward to spending next summer at their home on Lake Superior's North Shore. Janet teaches first grade and Larry is a psychology professor and department chair at St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona.

Ruth (Gilbertson) and Neil Thielke '84 went on a mission to Eastern Siberia in August and September. Neil is pastor at Morris Community Church and Ruth is UMM registrar.

CLASS OF '70

Pat Gannon of Antioch, Ill. announces the birth of his first grandchild, Phillip, a grandson, February 24.

Avis Nelson is enjoying retirement at Lake Ameila near Glenwood. She has eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband died two years ago. They were married 57 years.

Ardyce (Milbeck) and Douglas Spray '69 live in Montevideo where Ardyce teaches second grade and Doug is recreation director of community education. Their oldest son attends South Dakota State University in Brookings. Another child is a high school sophomore.

CLASS OF '71

Mary (Marthaler) and Donald Beckering live in Minnetonka. Mary is a learning resource teacher in Hopkins and Donald is state director of fire and EMS and emergency services network.

Susan Olson Capano had a great time with her husband and children in France this summer at the World Cup. She's looking forward to the Women's World Cup near Boston next year. Susan lives in Manchester, N.H.

John Driscoll co-authored a book titled *The Artist and the American Landscape*. The book features work by UMM art professor Fred Peterson and is "the most comprehensive, fully illustrated survey of contemporary landscape painting in the United States." John owns Babcock Gallery, the oldest gallery in New York.

James Hilleren lives in Danvers. All three of his children graduated from UMM; **Anthony '93, Jana '94, and Amy '98**.

Steven Ray is senior resident inspector for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at the Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant in Red Wing.

Christine Spaulding has three wonderful grandchildren and lives in Barrett.

David Thompson is vice president of marketing and sales at Twin Cities & Western Railroad. He and his wife **Mary Ann (Flolo) '73** live in Plymouth.

CLASS OF '72

Gary Laurent, president of Laurent Builders in Shakopee, was named the 1998 Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of the Twin Cities. Gary has three children and lives in Shakopee.

Keith Swanson has stepped down as head football coach for the West Central Area Knights. Keith has been a head coach for 28 years, and lives in Hoffman.

Roger Waage has been nominated by his patients for the 1999 Family Physician of the Year Award. Roger is associate director of the Duluth Family Practice Center.

Vernon Warkenthien announces that his daughter Michelle is getting married in August and will graduate from Colorado State University this spring. Vernon is an agent for American Family Insurance and lives in Superior, Colo.

CLASS OF '73

Marcia (Sanders) and Dale Huska have three children: Nicholas is a sophomore in college, Micah is a sophomore in high school, and Brittany is in sixth grade. They live in Yuma, Ariz.

Patricia Locnikar is acting chief of licensing and registration for the state of Oregon. She lives in Salem.

Coleen (Peters) and Joel Peterson live in Duluth where Coleen is a pollution specialist and Joel is an art teacher at Proctor School.

Ronald Raasch and his wife Kathy are relocating to Fergus Falls.

David Sloneker is a first grade teacher at Watertown Mayer Public Schools. His son, **Matthew**, is a sophomore at UMM.

Carol (VanDerPol) Thomson received secondary education certification from Southwest State University this year. She lives in Clara City.

CLASS OF '75

Bonnie (Borth) and Gordon Elliot are hosting an exchange student from Costa Rica for the 1998-1999 school year. The couple lives in Minnetonka.

Sandra (Schultz) Hasal writes, "Hi to all the Phi Mu Delta brothers and sisters." Sandra enjoys teaching son, Max, in her first grade class. Daughter, Megan, is a sophomore in high school. Sandra lives in Wildomar, Calif.

Shellie (Williams) and David Kylo live in Eagan where Sheri is a mother of three and part-time bookkeeper, and David is a physician. They report that they're "still plugging along."

Lorelee Wederstrom is director of facilities for the Academic Health Center at the University of Minnesota. She completed a master's degree in management and administration in 1994 and enjoys traveling to warmer climates during Minnesota winters. "I am looking for Scott Vrchota—a TKE—and

would like to hear from other UMMers. E-mail: <weder001@tc.umn.edu>."

CLASS OF '76

Laurel (Schumacher) and Michael Hawley '75 tell us, "Our oldest son, Matt, is in the Navy on an aircraft carrier, Erin's a sophomore in college, and Katie's in eighth grade. Same old same old for Michael and Laurel." They live in Washington, Ill.

Robert Hendrickson lives in rural Hancock with his wife Beth and four children, ages two through 18.

Deborah (Wiesner) and Dave Peterson '75 moved from Willmar to Woodbury and work in the metro area. They have two children in college.

Anthony Strauss is acting assistant vice president for technology transfer at the University of Minnesota Office of Patents.

CLASS OF '77

Thomas Ackerman works for DeGolyer and MacNaughton in the international oil and gas business. He analyzes well logs from western Siberia and has been to Russia five times in the last two years.

Roger Erstad has worked for UPS for almost 25 years. He has four children, the oldest of which is a freshman at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Roger lives in Fergus Falls.

CLASS OF '78

Kenneth Bruss received a promotion in training and development at Hoacht Marion Roussel Pharmaceuticals. Kenneth lives in Lenexa, Kan.

Sharon (Rezneck) Iverson received a master's degree in education from St. Mary's University. Sharon teaches 9th-12th grade English at Springfield Public High School and lives in Glencoe.

Joyce (Lauer) Ludowese announces the birth of Grace Anne on February 21, 1998. Joyce lives in Hutchinson.

Kent Mikkelsen still coaches and teaches in the Russel-Tyler-Ruthon School District. He and his family live in Tyler.

Ronald Ronning has been elected mayor of Appleton. He is a unit manager at Prairie Correctional Facility.

Thomas Sellnow started his own law firm and lives in Long Prairie.

Jeffrey Tanner had a tumor in his brain removed this past year and is doing fine. He and his wife **Robin (Vipond)** have three children and live in Atwater.

CLASS OF '79

Sudhir Agarwal and wife Mary announce the birth of Taylor James on Oct. 15, 1998. They live in Phoenix.

Jon Dalager is chair of the political science department at Georgetown Col-

lege in Kentucky. Last year Jon started a student mock trial team and a pre-law mentorship program at the school.

Mary (Iveland) Graphenteen lives in Luverne, where she teaches kindergarten through second grade and physical education. She writes, "It's time for Indy 2B to get together! Roger Hahn, great marathon! Judy Martinez, why weren't you running it?"

Karyn Enestvedt-Sportel is special education coordinator for two cooperatives. She and her husband Steve live in Carlos.

David Wohlrabe has been married for 11 years and has two children. He is a dentist and lives in Baudette.

CLASS OF '80

Agnes (Momo) Kulu-Banya sends greetings and love to the Benson and Morris communities and her families there. She is a special education teacher assistant and lives in Somerset, N.J.

Kathy (Phillips) Branstad is a doctoral student at the Minnesota School of Profession Psychology in Bloomington. She and her husband Dave live on a farm near Austin and have three children.

Galen Brelie has three children and lives in Mora.

Peter Falkum is senior development scientist and manager of research and development for Slim-Fast Nutritional Foods. "We are in a hiring mode for four-year and graduate students." He lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Nancy Elias is pursuing a master's degree in business at Metropolitan State. She lives in St. Paul.

Jill (Nelson) and Jerry Olson '81 live in Bozeman, Mont., where Jill is an administrator at an oral surgeon's office and Jerry is the assistant men's basketball coach at Montana State University.

Marilyn Oswald built a new house this fall near Adams. She is a library media specialist at Southgate Elementary School in Austin.

Richard Reed and his wife announce the birth of son, Preston Anders, in January. They have started their own business, Reed Enterprises, and invented the board game "For the Record." The Reed's live in Plymouth.

Jennifer (Tanner) and Paul Seaton '78 both completed master's degrees in education. Their oldest son is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, and their daughter will graduate from high school this spring. They live in Foley.

Major Topps is executive director of Education Is Our Goal and leader of the First Step corps. First Step is a drill team whose aim is to provide a positive, creative alternative for inner-city kids. Major lives in Minneapolis.

CLASS OF '81

Timothy Anderson is a teacher, counselor and coach, and lives in Minnesota Lake. His wife teaches biology at Minnesota State University, Mankato. They have two children, Seth and Sara.

Lori (Steenstra) Curott, her husband, and son live in Milaca. She teaches in Buffalo.

Jana (Groothuis) Peterson and Jon Peterson '83 live in Moorhead. Jon works with the U.S. Army ROTC at NDSU in Fargo.

Dennis Thorfinnson and Kristen (Kankel) Thorfinnson '82 live with their two children, Tanner and Hannah, in Gillette, Wyo. Dennis is a lead senior engineer at PacificCorp and Kristen is a mental health therapist.

CLASS OF '82

Mara McGinnis is working toward a master's degree in environmental studies at the University of Illinois, Springfield. She and her husband, David Gambach, are both employed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The couple and their daughter Adriana live in Springfield, Ill.

Wayne Schaffran is a computer consultant and lives in Chaska.

CLASS OF '83

Carolyn Donlin writes, "I'm still living in California. I have been working for the U.S. Geological Survey since 1988, first as an editor and now as an on-line publisher. I married Dan Jensen in August 1996, and we bought a house in San Jose shortly after we married. We have a beautiful daughter who was born in July."

Mary (Aarvig) Hanson received a master's degree from Southwest State University. She recently spent a week in Florida with **Tina Brown Shelton '84**. Mary lives in Willmar and can be reached by e-mail at <hansonm@willmar.k12.mn.us>.

Nancy (Delage) and Timothy Huber announce the birth of their son, Jacob Joseph, in October. They live in Circle Pines.

Amy (Van Sloun) and Kent Johnson '82 live in Maple Grove with their daughter, Kendall. Amy is a senior buyer for Rockler Corporation, and Kent is territory manager for Tilton Equipment Company.

Mark Kroontje is president of the South Dakota Municipal Attorneys Association. He has four children and lives in Herreid, S.D.

Bradley Kusler has been practicing general surgery near Omaha for six years. His wife Monique will finish her cardiology fellowship in a few months. Bradley says, "Call if you're driving through Omaha and need something removed!" Bradley can be reached at <bdkmd@inetnebr.com>.

Julie (Swenson) and John Mertz live in Minneapolis. John will graduate from medical school in June.

Terry Tate Sullivan lives in Marshall with her husband Jim and their three sons. She is a case worker for Western Human Development.

Kelly (Bartlett) and Russ Swanson are enjoying their new home in Milaca. Kelly is director of technology and marketing for First National Bank of Milaca. Russ is a drafter for Micro Control in Fridley.

CLASS OF '84

Michelle (Kallhoff) and Dale Brown '83 live in Normal, Ill., where Michelle is director of health and safety for the American Red Cross in McKlean County and Dale is an associate professor at Illinois State University.

Maureen (Engel) Collins of Crystal Lake, Ill. is working on a master's degree in education. She has two children and has been married 13 years.

Janice Dailey married Brad McLeod on New Year's Eve 1997 in Las Vegas. She lives in Waco, Texas, and is the manager of a unique cajun restaurant called Buzzard Billy's.

Deborah (Stangler) and James Metz '82 live in Cambridge with their children Caitlin and Christian. Deborah teaches Spanish and James teaches math at the local school.

Kathryn Roske and Christopher Dallager '83 have a new home in Eagan. Kathryn is a pediatric physical therapist and Christopher is a psychotherapist for Washburn Child Guidance Center.

John Toop is business manager at Minnewaska Area Schools in Glenwood.

Kim (Peterson) Weber is an operations supervisor at Kraft, Inc. in Melrose.

Her husband, Roger, is an independent hauler for Kraft. They have a three-year-old son and are expecting a child in May. The family lives in Sauk Centre.

CLASS OF '85

Laurie Anderson is an associate professor of geology at Louisiana State University. She recently gave a talk titled "Molluscan Evolution and the Closure of the Central American Isthmus" at UMM. Laurie lives in Baton Rouge.

Jerry Betzler was promoted to the rank of major and is commander of a medical unit of the National Guard in Cottage Grove. He is an account executive and his wife **Linda (Lindquist) '87** is an insurance agent at The Horace Mann Companies. The couple lives in Grand Rapids.

Deirdre (Swenson) Burgess is working on a master's degree in special education at Murray State University in Kentucky. She lives in Cadiz, Ky.

Mike Cushman was named one of the 10 best radio program directors in a small market by *Radio Ink* magazine for his work at WMEQ-FM in Eau Claire, Wis.

Lori Hoekstra Erni announces the birth of daughter Haley in May. Lori lives in Spokane and is a registered nurse at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Rebecca (Driggins) and Barry Hogen '84 live in Golden Valley with their two children, Rachel and Isaac. Barry is an attorney.

Bonnie Mills has moved to Marshall and is engaged to Brian Kruse. They plan to marry in July.

In December, **Dorothy Nins** and her family moved to Greenwich, Conn., where Dorothy's husband is the pastor of First Baptist Church. Dorothy and

Catching Up

To submit an item for *Catching Up*, just fill out this form and send it to: Vivian Heltemes, Alumni Relations, UMM, 312 Behmler Hall, Morris, MN 56267-2134 or e-mail: alumni@caa.mrs.umn.edu.

Let us hear from you! Next *Catching Up* deadline is June 15, 1999.

Name(s) _____

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her husband have three children.

Troy Wiese teaches sixth grade in the Washington District in Phoenix. He is also coach of the varsity girl's basketball team at Horizon High School in Paradise Valley. He and his wife, Patty, have two children.

Linda (Wallisch) and Marty Wolf write, "Marty took a job as an associate professor at Bemidji State University. Linda is also teaching as an adjunct professor at BSU. Our three children made the move without skipping a beat. We are all thrilled to be living in the woods, near many lakes and in the land of snow."

CLASS OF '86

Barbara (Larsen) Friedeman lives in Pierre, S.D., with her husband, Thad. Barbara is an environmental scientist with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Brian Hagen runs a computer/business consulting company out of his home and owns Farmgard Projects, Inc., a water treatment company based in Glencoe. He lives in Brownston.

Dorothy Hennen Barber just completed her first year as a member of the Morris City Council. She is a guidance counselor at Morris Area High School.

Lonnie Seifert is a sixth grade teacher for Montgomery Lonsdale Schools.

CLASS OF '87

Leigh Marthe announces the birth of Jonah, who joins sister, Clair. Leigh is assistant director of student and cultural activities at Franklin Pierce College and lives in Westmoreland, N.H.

Marsha (Goll) Muntifering announces the birth of son, Joshua, in August. Marsha lives in Buffalo and is a first grade teacher.

Denise (Ruter) and Robert Murphy live in Brooklyn Park. Denise is studying dental hygiene at the University of Minnesota and Robert is district manager at GD Searle.

Norma Reker and Gregory Bramel live in Minneapolis with their children Sam and Emily. Greg began working at US West in November.

Sandra (Samuelson) and Peter Roverud '88 announce the birth of Ethan Paul in July. Sandra is a stay-at-home mom, and Peter is director of underwriting at the corporate office of Blue Cross Blue Shield in Eagan. They live in Lakeville.

Jeff "Billy" Sauve and his wife, **Evelyn Hoover**, live in Northfield with their son, Holden. Evelyn is managing editor of *AS400 Magazine* for IBM of Rochester and is in charge of book publishing. Jeff is office manager for Off-Campus Studies at Carleton College. "I'm writing again and am looking for other alums to share writing pieces and critique each other over the internet. My e-mail is <jsauve@carleton.edu>."

Darcy (Wille) Senst is working toward elementary education licensure at Hamline University. She lives in Bloomington.

Denise (Erickson) Sturman announces the birth of Jacob Riley in January. Denise lives in San Antonio.

CLASS OF '88

Peggy (Semmler) Beck announces the birth of her daughter, Charis. Peggy is a software development engineer at Hewlett Packard and lives in San Jose, Calif.

Lori and Mark Halverson-Wente '87 live in Winona where Lori teaches communication studies and Mark is studying to obtain a teaching certificate. "We hope to reconnect with friends from LCM and MPIRG."

Laurie Moser is assistant director of the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Minneapolis. She can be reached by e-mail at <wrcr@mr.net>.

Steven Myren and his wife Mari announce the birth of Joseph in November. Steven and Mari live with their three children in Fishers, Ind.

Darlene (Orr) Poste is working at the National American University in Rapid City, S.D. She has two daughters, and her "days and evenings are very eventful!"

CLASS OF '89

Michelle (Rode) Bouta has five children and is a social worker at Meadow Lane Health Care Center in Benson. She lives in Clontarf and is looking for people who are interested in starting a local quartet.

Lori (Hill) Heutmaker of Bloomington announces the birth of Quinn Marie in January.

Renee (Collett) Kannegiesser announces the birth of Cole in August. She has purchased a share of the accounting practice, Raymond D. Morris and Assoc. in Morris. Renee lives in Hancock.

Gary Malecek was promoted to senior engineer at Rosemount Aerospace, Inc. He lives in Bloomington.

Kristi (Jepperson) Myer announces the birth of Jennifer Lynn in October. Kristi is department head, clinical trial coordination at Eli Lilly and Company. She lives in Greenwood, Ind.

Chuck Smith and his wife, Ana, live in San Antonio with their son Tony. They would love to hear from friends, and can be reached at 7585 Ingram Rd. Apt #1201, San Antonio, TX 78251 or by e-mail at <smitc@lake.ollusa.edu>.

Lynn (Olson) and Mark Stier '90 live in Willmar with their children, Dean, Brooke, and Megan. Lynn is a case manager and counselor at West Central Industries and Mark is a teacher.

CLASS OF '90

Susan Davidson is an account manager in the institutional financial services area for US Bank in St. Paul. She lives in Circle Pines and can be reached by e-mail at <sdavi22@aol.com>.

Wendy (Youngerberg) and John DeRung announce the birth of Jena Rose July 29. They live in Morris. Wendy is a computer science lecturer at UMM and John is a computer administrator at West Central Environmental Consultants.

Sherry Dessonville is computer instructor at Prairie Correctional Facility. She lives in Madison.

Lisa (Lester) Finken announces the birth of Nicholas Daniel on August 25. Lisa lives in St. Joseph.

Kurt Flaten announces the birth of Erick on May 29. Kurt is a physics and chemistry teacher and head football coach in Kewaunee, Wis.

Karie (Wolff) and Todd Hickman '85 announce the arrival of daughter Correy Jo on January 6. The couple and their four children live in Morris.

Michelle (Berg) and Edward McIntee '92 live in St. Paul. Their second child was born in May.

CLASS OF '91

Sherilyn (Gordon) and Gregory Brumback have two adopted children, Jackie and Aaron, and live in Naytahwaush. Sherilyn is a librarian at Circle of Life School in White Earth and Gregory is manager of Gordon Construction in Mahanomen.

Carrie (Braun) and Rob Haugen '90 announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Jo, December 11. The couple lives in Perham. Rob is a marketing and sales representative for Aqua Care, a sister company to West Central Environmental Consultants in Morris and Carrie teaches at Perham High School. They can be reached by e-mail at <cjhaugen@eot.com>.

Jodi (Huberty) Herfurth got married in July and bought a house in Plymouth. Jodi is an assistant buyer for Carlson Marketing.

Valeri (Sitz) Higgins has a baby girl, Kylie. Valeri lives in Harris and teaches in North Branch.

Brian Meyer teaches in Alexandria.

Julia (Hoelmer) and Corey Quick and their son, Benjamin, live in River Falls, Wis. Corey teaches English and writing at Stillwater Area High School and Julia is assistant to the president at LERN. Corey is working toward a master's degree in creative writing at Minnesota State University, Mankato. They can be reached at <cquick@presenter.com>.

Matt Schoenfelder writes, "I recently returned from another year of teaching English in a Japanese junior high school. I was doubly fortunate; I was assigned

to Nagano, so I attended many Olympic events last winter and I met a wonderful English woman, Nichola Simpson, who is now my fiancée. We will be married in October in England and will return to Minn. for a reception shortly thereafter. We plan to live in England and will have to wait and see where we go from there." Matt can be reached by e-mail at <schoenfeldermt@hotmail.com>.

Melony (Huschle) Tevis is an officer in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. She is applying to graduate school in Atlanta for a master's degree in social work. "I would love to hear from my college buddies." She can be reached via e-mail at <misty1LT@aol.com>.

Andrew Tucker is a network analyst at Fairview Hospital. He lives in St. Paul.

Lisa Westgard married Steve Dahlberg October 30. Lisa works in the sales department at Metal-Matic Inc. The couple lives in Coon Rapids.

CLASS OF '92

Lisa (Witty) Elias completed a master's degree at Winona State University. She lives and teaches in St. Charles and expects her first baby in June.

Julie (Jost) Knier writes, "My husband Paul and I make our home in Big Lake with our daughter, Maggie. Paul is an investment representative and I am a stay-at-home mom. My job will be expanding soon as we're expecting twins in May!"

DeAnn (Brix) Schreifels is a senior financial analyst at Regis Corporation in Edina. She lives in Brooklyn Park.

Jade Templin married Cynthia Coronado in September. They live in St. Paul.

CLASS OF '93

Cara Critchfield has nearly completed a master's degree in French literature at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. "I hope to continue for one more year to earn a teaching certificate. I'd love to hear from former classmates and can be reached by e-mail at <ccritchf@unlgrad1.unl.edu>."

Mary Doschadis is one of the top producers for Coldwell Banker, the largest real estate company in N.D. She's a member of the Diamond Society, is a credited buyer representative, and a designated GRI. Mary lives in Fargo.

Tanya (Boehland) married Todd Fiebiger in 1993. Both graduated from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington and now practice at Fiebiger Chiropractic in Fargo. They have two sons.

Michael Goettig writes, "I've been teaching English in Sichuan province in China, just to the east of Tibet, the past two years. I worked at a three-year technical college of sorts, teaching students who would, after graduation, go back to their hometowns and teach English in elementary and middle schools. This past September, I traveled through-

out western and northwestern China, including Tibet. The trip culminated in a week-long hospital stay as the result of a venomous snakebite. From here, I go to the southern province of Yunnan to work with the Nature Conservancy on the development of a national park." Michael can be reached by e-mail at <gaomip@hotmail.com>.

Joel Gotfredson is working on a master's degree at the University of Minnesota. He lives in Minneapolis.

Amber (Ehlert) Hill is a customer service representative with Guidant-CPI and lives in Chisago City.

Kris (Ritter) and Gary Johnson announce the birth of Samuel Noah on Mar. 15. The couple and their two children live in Red Wing. Kris is a child protection investigator at Goodhue County Social Services and Gary is computer network administrator at Hiawatha National Banks in Wis.

Tammy (Reimann) Jones was named Minnesota National Guard Soldier of the Year. She teaches math in Litchfield.

Alanah Karpen lives in Willmar and is having fun being a grandmother to Ian and Kayla.

Kelly Kueker is engaged to marry Paul Kangas in July. She teaches English at Norwood-Young America.

Jean LeFebvre is supervisor of customer service at Murphy Warehouse Company in Minneapolis. She lives in New Brighton.

Tracy (Honl) and Mike Liebl have "moved into a larger home in Burnsville to accommodate all the things our son Max has accumulated in his 13 months of existence. Mike is contracting at NSP in Minneapolis and I am a stay-at-home mom."

Susan Lunnenborg writes, "I'm living in Mitchell, S.D., and yes, that is the home of the world's only Corn Palace. I have been a journalist with *The Daily Republic* newspaper in Mitchell for three years, covering agriculture and other regional news. I welcome e-mail at <lunnebor@santel.net>."

Beth (Trierweiler) and Steve Nelson announce the birth of Leah Ann on January 7. Beth works at RISE and Steve works at Norwest. They live in Ramsey.

Corinne (Leuthner) Schmiegl just had a baby and lives in Chaska.

Julia Swanson, a third-year medical student at the University of Minnesota, is spending nine months studying and working at the Buffalo Clinic through the Rural Physician Associate Program.

Robbie Thompson writes, "In August my wife Malinda, daughter Sophia, and I moved from Arizona to Minnesota. I know I will regret it in the winter." Robbie attends William Mitchell College of Law and works at the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Adult Prosecution Division.

Kimberly Williamson is a software engineer at West Group and lives in Eagan.

CLASS OF '94

Jennifer (Wagner) Belik graduated from the University of Minnesota medical school and lives in Minneapolis.

Christine Berglund lives in Colorado Springs.

Cathy Crea is expecting a second child in Sept. Her son Owen is two. She and her family live in Minneapolis.

Melanie Fohl portrayed Florence in the Feb. PlayRight Community Theatre Group production of *The Curious Savage*. Melanie is director of Grandview Apartments and lives in Morris.

Erin Jean Gannon-Litton and Chad Litton '92 announce the birth of Phillip Daniel on Feb. 24 who will be part of UMM's class of 2022. Erin Jean is administrative assistant in the surgery department at the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma and Chad is an associate professor of sociology at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Cindy (Cebulla) and Joseph Luhman live in Maple Plain. Cindy is a licensed certified public accountant at Copeland Buhl & Company and Joseph is a vice president at IN Marketing.

Lynn (Mansmith) married Bryan Betzold Aug. 1. Lynn teaches fifth and sixth grade band at Sioux City, Iowa Public Schools and Bryan works for the department of human services and coaches cross-country and track at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City.

Tamara (Marwitz) married Michael Furth Aug. 8. The couple lives in Marshall where Tamara teaches French.

Angela (Mahlberg) and Patrick McLaughlin live in La Cross, Wis. Angela will graduate in May with a degree in college student development and administration. Patrick is a software designer at Train International.

Timna Odegaard Wyckoff writes, "My husband Peter and I are still in Durham, N.C. I finished my Ph.D. in biochemistry at Duke in Oct., and Peter should finish his Ph.D. in ecology this spring or summer. We're looking for jobs, so hopefully this fall will find us somewhere new!"

Mara Rutten is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Arizona State University. She teaches undergraduate classes at ASU and designs web pages. Mara lives in Temple, Ariz.

Deb (Quinn) and Glen Schilling announce the birth of Katherine Lee on Nov. 28. "We love our new family life" and live in Fairmont.

Heidi (Berg) and Troy Seppelt '96 live in Portage, Mich. where Heidi is an executive assistant for Medallion Management and Troy is completing a master's degree in administration of

college student affairs at Western Michigan University. They are looking for jobs in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and "can't wait to get back home."

Kami (Poland) and Jason Thoen announce the birth of twins Joseph and Kayla on September 30. Jason and Kami are both finishing Ph.D.'s in chemistry at Purdue University and will begin jobs at the Hughes Institute in Minneapolis in May.

Christy (Montgomery) Wittkop is director of volunteers/special events at the Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum of Natural History in Sioux Falls, S.D.

CLASS OF '95

Steven Arzdorf runs a heating and air conditioning business with his father in Ham Lake. He and his family live in Coon Rapids.

Lisa (Wielenberg) and Tom Babineau '96 live in Blaine with their son, Cody. Lisa teaches fifth grade in Roseville and Tom is a pharmaceutical materials specialist for Hawkins Chemical.

Ann Blaisdell will be moving from Morris to Florida this summer.

Tim Colon is enrolled in the master of urban planning program at the University of Kansas. Tim will graduate in 2000 and plans to work with economic development issues. Tim can be reached at <cristo1234@aol.com>.

Jennifer (Schaible) Dummer announces the birth of Evan Joseph on Apr. 24. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Fergus Falls.

Jen Fitzke lives in Minneapolis and is a staff recruiter for Allied Interstate, Inc. She will marry John Anderson Aug. 14. Jen can be reached by e-mail at <jenftzk106@aol.com>.

Amy (Jipson) Haanen is "living happily with my husband Jeff and two children in Browns Valley." She teaches science at the Browns Valley Middle School.

Jennifer Heineman moved to Bridgewater, N.J. in July. Jennifer is a correspondent for Main Stay Mutual Funds.

Jessica (Severson) and Jason Kirwin live in Morris. Jessica is case manager/counselor at the Rural MN CEP office. Jason is a project manager at West Central Environmental Consultants.

Laurie Nelson is working on remodeling a log cabin lake home and lives in Barrett.

Roxanne Rooney is a substitute teacher and director of children's and youth ministries at the New Testament School in Alexandria. She lives in Kensington.

Jami (Pagnac) and Matthew Schumacher announce that their family is traveling to Denmark. They live in Grand Forks where Matt is a technical analyst at Altru Health System and Jami is a graphic designer and writer of

Imaj Publications.

Jennie (Nelson) Smith and her husband moved into a new home on Star Lake near Litchfield in April 1998. They announce the arrival of Courtney Lee on Oct. 28. Jennie is estimator/office assistant at Systems West.

Bradley Wosmek will marry Jennifer Tressel in June. He is a software engineer for Informix and lives in Lawrence, Kan.

CLASS OF '96

Erika Christianson and Bob Nathe bought a new house in Blaine and will be getting married in Aug. Erika teaches first grade in St. Paul and Bob works at US Bank in Minneapolis.

Joshua Field, a third-year student at Cornell School of Law, is volunteer coach for Cornell's mock trial team. The team took first place in the Ivy League Invitational Mock Trial Tournament in Nov. Joshua lives in Ithaca, N.Y.

Sheila Flatau announces the birth of Joshua in April 1998. She lives in Alexandria.

Anissa (Brandt) and Sander Grotjohn '95 live in Coleraine and "enjoy the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota." Anissa is the middle school band director and Sander is the high school and pep band director in the Greenway School District. Anissa also coaches volleyball and basketball.

Jason Hamen graduated from the University of Minnesota in June. He works for BF Goodrich Aerospace and lives in New Brighton.

Angela (Wefel) and Charles Kavaloski live in White Bear Lake with their son Josiah. Angela is a recruiter for an executive search firm and Charles is a computer consultant with a firm in Roseville.

Kathleen (Kinyon) married David Atwell Aug. 14. The couple lives in Pullman, Wash. where Kathleen is a graduate student in bio-chemistry at Washington State University.

Erin Osborn is studying and working with Dr. Julie Youngs at the Paynesville Area Health Care System. Erin is a third-year medical student at the University of Minnesota.

Laurie Retzlaff is a market researcher at Custum Research Inc. She lives in Minneapolis and can be reached at <lretzlaff@customresearch.com>.

Mark Sortum is earning a second bachelor's degree in secondary education at the University of Wyoming. He lives in Laramie.

Corey Weierke was appointed by Gov. Jesse Ventura to work in the State of Minnesota Office in Washington, D.C. Corey was actively involved in Gov. Ventura's campaign and in his transition office. Corey can be reached by e-mail at <MNCougars@aol.com>.

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

CLASS OF '97

Kelly (Kruzel) Braaten married in Oct. and works at Minnesota Education Technology Alliance. She lives in Eagan.

Rachael (Holt) and Mike Bragge '98 are married and live in Morris. Rachael is a teacher at Morris Area Child Care Center.

Thomas Brenny and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of Noah on September 5. Thomas teaches kindergarten in Hastings.

Amy (Lahr) married Jared Brandt. They live in Morris.

Jodi Dierkhising will marry Larry Hall in August. She is a third and fourth grade teacher in the Osseo School District and lives in Roseville.

Jenna Erickson is education coordinator at an inner-city neighborhood center in Wilmington, Del. She reports "there are currently five UMM alums in the East Coast Mecca of Wilmington—who would have guessed?"

Jennifer Flottesmesch lives in Dallas, Texas where she is an immigration caseworker/outreach coordinator/volunteer supervisor for a non-profit agency called Immigration Counseling Services-Catholic Charities, Inc.

Lee Friedrich is teaching band for the second year and lives in Lucan.

Cory Funk is manager of Radio Shack in River Falls, Wis.

Mary Howela is engaged to **Andrew Bobst**. Mary writes, "I am now working full-time for WSKG public T.V. and radio in Binghamton, N.Y. I am the special events/auction coordinator, which all adds up to a lot of work and fun. I moved to New York in July and seeing this area is very exciting. I'm always a little homesick for the Midwest and plan to return one day. You can contact me at <mary_holewa@wskg.pbs.org> to fill me in on all the news back home if you get the chance."

Eric Johnson will receive a M.S. degree in sociology this May from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. He also teaches three sections of Introduction to Speech-Communications at Purdue.

Kristopher Nelson is engaged to marry **Linda Rasmusson '99** in July. He is an internet project manager with Piper Jaffray, Inc. and lives in Eagan.

Jeremy and Stacy (Henrichs) Olson '98 live in Pipestone. Jeremy is manager for a large swine facility and Stacy will graduate this spring with honors from Minnesota West. She has been accepted into the teaching program at Southwest State University. The couple has two children, Jacob and Ashley.

Evelyn Olson will marry Timothy Heeren in April 1999. **Jennifer Flottesmesch '96** and **Maria Hoffman '96** will be bridesmaids. Evelyn and

Tim plan to live in Eden Prairie following the wedding.

Joel Pautzke is a computer programmer with Lutheran Brotherhood and is happy with his career change. He and **Shanyn Bain '95** were married June 13, 1998, and live in Brooklyn Park.

Jon Rondeau will graduate from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management in June with an MBA. He lives in Elk River.

Angela Seewald and Brent Marquardt '98 are engaged to be married May 21. Angela attends North Dakota State University Graduate School in family and marital counseling and is employed as a hall director at Concordia College. Brent is employed by Zimmerman Furniture in Fargo.

Randy Smith is earning a master's in fine arts at the Graduate Film Conservatory at Florida State University, Tallahassee. He can be reached by e-mail at <rgs8214@garnet.acns.fsu.edu>.

Jill (Pollard) and Brent Stephens '96 married May 23, 1998. Jill is a pricing analyst at National Indemnity Company and Brent is a correctional officer at Omaha Correctional Center. The couple lives in Omaha.

Ryan Tool will marry **Anna Townsend '99** in the spring. He teaches in Tracy.

Kim (Anderson) and Terrance Wright announce the birth of Jesse James on Dec. 12. They live in Mitchell, S.D.

CLASS OF '98

Tara Anderson lives in Blaine where she is a lead teacher at Children's World Learning Center. She plans to apply for teaching positions at schools in the Twin Cities for next year.

Jenny Bergman substitute teaches in Eden Prairie and Minnetonka school districts. During the evening, she is a waitress in Houlihan's Restaurant in Chanhassen. Jenny and Jared are engaged and plan to marry July 31 Willmar.

Sarah (Berg) Eadie has a daughter and lives in Seaside, Calif.

Camille Haynes is studying for an advanced degree in chemistry at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

Celeste Haynes is studying Spanish and ecology in Heredia, Costa Rica.

Jill Holmen just returned from a trip to Ireland with **Tess Hilty**. Jill lives in Randall.

Jolene Johnson substitute teaches for the Elk River Area school district and the Princeton School district. On non-school days she is an enrichment instructor for Elk River Community Education. Jolene lives in Zimmerman.

Emily Lunz is a graduate student at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. She is pursuing an M.A. in international journalism and co-pro-



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ducing a weekly newsmagazine show called "IMPACT."

Maureen Marsollek teaches sixth grade language arts and reading and seventh grade English in the Columbia Heights School District. This winter she was the coordinator of intramural volleyball and she will coach high school softball in the spring. She writes, "I am busy planning for my wedding in June."

Alonzo Myers teaches third grade at John Calhoun Elementary School in Chicago. He also works as a math teacher during the after school program for children who need additional help. Alonzo is a class agent and can be reached at 3019 West Flournoy St., Chicago, IL 60612 or by e-mail at <mymersad@lycosmail.com>.

This summer, **Tammy Nelson** was a reading and writing teacher at a camp in Northern Minn. for EBD and ADHD kids. She is now evening program coordinator through Lutheran Volunteer Corps at a neighborhood center in Wilmington, Del. Tammy helps students with homework and then offers activities for students from elementary school through high school.

Jason Palmiter and Elizabeth Moriarty '97 are engaged to be married Oct. 23, 1999. Jason works for Corporate Transfer Service in Plymouth and plans to teach some day.

Jennifer (Martin) married Garret Retka in July. The couple moved to Inver Grove Heights where Jennifer substitute teaches. Jennifer will complete a graduate degree in school guidance counseling at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls in May.

Nathan Ryan is a Ph.D. student in computer science at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Kay Schmidt is a human resource coordinator at Carlson Companies, Inc. She lives in Bloomington.

Sarah Smith is teaching fifth and sixth grade band and general music in Glencoe. She will marry Alejandro Moreno this summer and the couple plans to live in North Carolina.

Reid Sorenson "is a hotshot young analyst working in the media department of Minneapolis' Campbell Mithun Esty, the largest ad agency west of Chicago. He services the K-Mart account and attends a great many parties." Reid can be reached at <reid_sorenson@campbell-mithun.com>.

Michael Trosvig is taking classes at UMM for fun this year. He is engaged to **Janel Lundebrek '99**.

Kari (Fredricksen) married Robert Ulrich in Aug. The couple lives in St. Paul. Kari works part-time as a remedial reading teacher at St. Raphael's Catholic School in Crystal. This spring she will look for a full-time teaching position closer to home. She can be reached by e-mail at <ulric009@tc.umn.edu>.

Robyn (Krupinski) VanEps and her husband Darren announce the birth of Cassandra on Dec. 25. The family lives in Morris.

Lisa Wehking teaches third grade at Canby Elementary School and enjoys teaching and living in a small town. She can be reached by e-mail at lwehking@swsc.org

Emily Welke is serving for a year in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. She works at the Howard Area Community Center early childhood classrooms in Chicago.

UMM Annual Giving Program

A word of thanks...

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With thanks,
Maddy Maxeiner

Dear Alumni,

Greetings! I am proud to have been elected president of the UMM Alumni Association. What I do on behalf of UMM is a combination of work and play—a chance to serve, to renew old friendships and to make new ones.



The Board is committed to one vision - developing connections among alumni and students and strengthening their commitment to UMM. Our mission statement reads:

The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association serves alumni, students, and UMM by:

**fostering communication and relationships among alumni, students, faculty and staff;*

**developing alumni contributions of volunteer and financial support;*

**nurturing the unique educational experience of UMM by directing alumni gifts to various needs of students, faculty and UMM.*

We need you in the conversation as we discuss new ways to bring our mis-

sion statement to life. Consider how you might contribute as you read through the following list of opportunities to participate:

The Alumni Network. Perhaps you would like to advise students by being a mentor or assist them in locating a job or an internship. If you enjoy politics, you can contact legislative representatives on behalf of University issues. The Admissions staff needs assistance in recruiting prospective students. Maybe you'd like to connect with alumni wherever you live. Whatever your comfort level, through the Alumni Network we can link you in service to students, to alumni, and to administrators at UMM.

The Events Committee assists the Alumni Office in planning where and when alumni events will be held. We want to "bring the campus" to more alumni and to hear alumni concerns, thoughts, and suggestions.

Finding committed potential board members and nominating officers is the work of the **Nominations Committee**. Alumni can be nominated by others or can nominate themselves. Board members serve up to two, three-year terms. Members pay their own expenses to attend four board meetings each year. Meetings are held on campus during Homecoming and in November and April. In February, the meeting is held in the Twin Cities metro area. Board members are especially encouraged to contribute to the Alumni Annual Fund which supports alumni programming.

The newly formed **Development Committee** will serve as consultants with and advise the Fund Development staff on fundraising strategies and activities. This year, the entire Board is working closely with the UMM administration and key alumni leaders in planning for the upcoming all-University of Minnesota Capital Campaign.

If you are interested in serving on the board of directors or on any of the committees, please contact me at (651) 699-9285 or Vivian Heltemes, director of alumni relations, by sending e-mail to <heltemes@mrs.umn.edu> or by calling (320) 589-6066.

UMM is a unique educational experience. The Alumni Association Board of Directors wants your ideas and your help in making that experience possible for others. Become involved in the Alumni Association!

Greg Lemmons '71

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About Faculty:

Three of the "original 13" faculty members are still teaching on the Morris campus: James Gremmels, English; Jack Imholte, history; and James Olson, chemistry.

First Year Seminar

Dr. Peh Ng

Associate Professor of Math and
Assistant Dean for Semester Conversion

One of the curricular implementations for fall 1999 when UMM converts to semesters is the First Year Seminar (FYS) or the Common Course. Three years ago, the UMM Campus Assembly decided to revamp Inquiry (the interdisciplinary course for all incoming freshmen students at UMM), with the goal of implementing a "common experience course" for all first-year students beginning this fall 1999. Since fall 1996, two advisory groups made up of faculty, staff and students, were involved in developing contents, mechanisms, activities and procedures in which the First Year Seminar will be carried out.



The objective of the First Year Seminar is to teach students to think critically and to assess sources of information. Consequently, regardless of the major field(s) chosen by students, they will develop skills to analyze and to discuss any issues in both written and oral forms. Second but not least, the First Year Seminar allows each incoming student to experience college learning within a small and informal classroom setting of no more than 15 students per section. This environment is conducive to quality interaction among students and also between the students and the instructor.

The interdisciplinary nature of the First Year Seminar is the epitome of a liberal arts education which is central to the mission of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Instructors of the FYS include professors from different fields of studies such as history, English, computer science and education, just to name a few. In addition, the high level of enthusiasm and experience of these instructors toward teaching this interdisciplinary course for freshmen exemplifies UMM's commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching.

In terms of contents and mechanisms of the FYS, there is a theme for the course that changes every four or five years. For now, the theme is "Human Diversity." During the first four weeks, the specific contents and books read will be common among all sections, but after that, each instructor has the autonomy to teach a topic of their interest that is related to the overall theme. For instance, an instructor may choose to discuss "Multiculturalism and Diversity in the History of Mathematics," "Exploration of Musical Diversity in America" or "Art at the Center of Social Change: the Harlem Renaissance." And any first-year student will be given the chance to choose the section that he or she may be interested in.

Although FYS is housed under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean because of its interdisciplinary nature, there is a standing committee that will be responsible for deciding the theme of the FYS, the workshops and convocation series that will be part of the course, and choosing the instructors. This committee consists of faculty, staff and students, in addition to instructors who will teach the course.

There are many new activities happening in fall 1999 when UMM begins the semester academic system. Indeed, the First Year Seminar is certainly one of the new curricular implementations that we are looking forward to, and I hope that the incoming class of fall 1999 will take pride in knowing that they will be part of UMM's history-making events.

Faculty Seminars

What's on your agenda for the first Thursday of every month? For some UMM colleagues, the answer would be the Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar. Faculty seminars give professors an opportunity to share with their colleagues their research projects on topics ranging from "Fe Follies, or Things You Never Dreamed You Could Do With Iron (Nancy Carpenter/chemistry) to "Urban Field Experiences for Rural Pre-service Teachers: I'm Not Afraid; Should I Be?" (Carol Marxen and Gwen Rudney/education) to "Is 'Feminist' a Dirty Word? Media Framing of Women Political Candidates" (Paula O'Loughlin/political science). The seminars, sponsored by the Faculty Center for Learning and Teaching, are part of a faculty development program.

The Faculty Center for Learning and Teaching works closely with the campus Faculty Development Committee to assist UMM faculty with all aspects of their professional careers by providing a variety of services: main-

taining a library and resource center on teaching and academic life; sponsoring forums on topics of faculty interest; sponsoring a mentorship program for junior faculty; providing opportunities for faculty to share their insights and skills; disseminating information about conferences on teaching and other career topics; seeking grants and funding to promote the professional interests of faculty; gathering information for use in improving UMM's teaching environment; and providing confidential counseling for individual faculty about teaching-related concerns.

Seminars are a great opportunity to expand knowledge beyond the boundaries of one's academic discipline. Erica Rosch, French instructor and director of the Faculty Center, says, "Faculty seminars provide support and encouragement to faculty currently completing research projects."

- HEIDI THROGMORTON '01,
Sauk Rapids

Faculty and Staff

Greg Thorson, assistant professor of political science, had an on-air interview with UMM student and KMRS host Garrett Ashburn on December 30. The discussion centered on the impeachment proceedings and upcoming trial of President Clinton.

Michael Snowden, education coordinator in the Minority Student Program, received the Outstanding Young Americans Award.

An article by **Shannon Hodges**, director of Student Counseling, titled, "Wandering on the Prairie: The Spiritual Pathways Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris," appeared in the May-June issue of *About Campus*.

Gary L. Donovan, director of the Career Center, is starting his sixth year as UMM's representative to the Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission [SCEIC].

Attending the APPLE [Athletic Prevention, Programming, and Leadership Education] Conference on substance abuse prevention recently in Charlottesville, Va. were staff members **Mark Fohl**, **Todd Neuhaarh**, **Ken Crandall**, **Sarah Bell**, and student **Aimie Langenfeld**. APPLE is a model created by the Institute for Substance Abuse Studies at the University of Virginia under a contract with NCAA.

John Hitchcock, assistant professor of studio art, was part of the School of Liberal Arts/Department of Art exhibit, "Diverse Views," at Cameron University, Lawton, Okla.

Theater faculty and staff were involved in the Morris PlayRight Community Theater production of "The Curious Savage" Director - **Shaune Wunder**; Costume Shop Foreperson, Actor - **Tap Payne**; Scenic Design - **Ray Strand**; Scene Shop Foreperson, Costume Design - **Julie Patterson-Pratt**; Sound Design - **Twig Webster**.

Sam Schuman participated in a presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). With colleagues, Schuman presented a case study of a hypothetical small liberal arts college confronting issues of mission and quality.

Roger McCannon, director of University College-Morris and the Center for Small Towns, participated in the "Innovations: Bright Ideas in Local Government," conference at the St. Paul Radisson. He presented information on the Center as part of a panel on Higher Education Working with Local Government. Also attending from UMM were **Jooinn Lee**, political science, **Paula O'Laughlin**, political science, and students **Kevin Beaker**, **Angie Bos**, and **Amanda Wobbema**.

Jackie Edmondson, elementary education, successfully completed her dissertation and graduated in May.

Head wrestling coach, **Doug Reese**, has been selected by USA Wrestling to coach the U.S. Women's Junior World Team in the 1999 Women's Junior

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"We worked with a phenomenal student, **Kate VanSickle** to plan and implement the first annual Multicultural Student Leadership Retreat. It was an opportunity to take multicultural awareness to a deeper level than what our workshops and programs could do. Thirty-six student leaders, seven Diversity Peer Educator facilitators -- **Jamal Osman**, **Wendy Mortenson**, **Andrea Richardson**, **Heidi Hoechst**, **Sunny Chung**, **J.B. Becker** -- and seven faculty/staff facilitators -- **Susan Bernardin**, **Shoshanna Cogan**, **Mike Miller**, **Ricky Hall**, **Sandy Olson-Loy**, **Angela Adams**, **Sarah Bell** -- went to Camp Courage in Maple Lake on Martin Luther King weekend. The activities and discussions were difficult, enlightening, meaningful and emotional. At the end of the weekend, problems weren't solved, but many participants agreed that they had been changed by the experience. Since coming back, they have had informal and formal reunions, continued talking about issues in person and on a listserv, wrote about their experiences in the *University Register*, and began making connections between student organizations. Kate hopes the experience will have a "ripple" effect on campus. She uses the example of throwing a pebble in the water and having the ripples go out to the whole pond."

-**Sarah Bell**
Student Counseling

"**Jennifer Wright** and I worked on a UROP project together during winter and spring 1998. I evolved from a final paper she wrote for me in German Romanticism the year before. She decided to pursue the project on communication with spirits in Karoline's essay, "Die Manen," in a directed study with me. Both our proposals for the session on German Romanticism were accepted at the 20th International conference of the Fantastic in the Arts in Florida. With her research, Jennifer inspired me to look again at a modern novel by the former GDR writer Christa Wolf, *Kein Ort Nirgends*. Jennifer's project gave me some missing pieces that enabled me to write my own paper on "Androgyny: The Search for Wholeness in Heinrich von Kleist and Karoline von Guenderode." The German discipline had funds from an anonymous donor, which permitted Jennifer to attend the Florida conference and co-present with me at the ICFA. Her paper connects Romanticism and Manichaeism and is an original contribution to German scholarship. Jennifer is now a graduate student at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs in Minneapolis."

-**Edith Borchardt**
German

"**Neil Mattson** attended the National Undergraduate Research Conference in Rochester, N.Y., to present a paper on his joint work with me and Dr. Alan Olness, soils scientist with the USDA Research Laboratory in Morris. He also had an abstract accepted to the Minnesota Academy of Science where he gave a presentation this spring. Neil's work is supported by a \$25,000 three-year Sustainable Agriculture Grant received by Olness and Lopez. Neil has modified

a computer model which helps predict nitrogen needs for farmers growing legume crops interseeded in corn. The model was created with the help of **Jason Cordes** '95, and improved further by **Colin Sweeney** '97.

Joe Lee has received a Morris Academic Partnership (MAP) as well as two Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) grants during the past three years while working on a distributed computing research project with **Kevin Johnson** and me. [UROP is a competitive, merit-based program through the University of Minnesota that offers financial awards to undergraduates for research, scholarly, or creative projects undertaken in partnership with a faculty member. MAPs undertake assignments that enhance their intellectual competence and increase their interest in graduate or professional study.] We had a paper accepted to the

the socio-historical context of post-revolution Cuba and addressed her literary incorporation of Yoruban religious imagery. We will present our research at a professional conference and perhaps prepare it for publication."

-**Stacey Parker Aronson**
Spanish

"**Miranda Swanson** did an MAI project last year looking at the "Economic Impact of the University of Minnesota, Morris on the Morris Community. Surveys were sent to all UMM employees and to half of the student body. Demographic data and individual monthly spending information were collected. Research also included direct spending done by UMM and other non-monetary benefits to the Morris community. The results? The direct economic impact on the Morris community through UMM spending, UMM's employees and its students totaled \$1,062,389 per month.



FIRST ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL RETREAT ATTENDEES

What do glaciers and global warming have in common? According to research done by Keith Brugger, assistant professor of geology, to prepare for a possible global warming, one needs to study glacial behavior. Brugger, along with senior geology students **Angela Paquette** and **Matt Whitehill**, has continued his research on glaciers that he started in 1982 as a dissertation for his doctoral degree. The research centers around numeric modeling and how glaciers respond to climate changes. Last summer, Brugger, Paquette and Whitehill traveled to Sweden to study how two glaciers responded to modern climate. Glaciers in this area retreat due to one degree increase in the mean summer temperature. The focus of Brugger's research was to observe how the glaciers in Sweden reacted to tem-

perature changes and to document the changes, specifically in one glacier, which hasn't been closely looked at for 15 years.

Funding for the research was provided by a UROP for the students, the UMM Dean's office and the UMM Division of Science and Mathematics.

Brugger will present his findings this summer in Zurich, Switz., at the International Glaciological Society. Paquette presented her senior seminar for the Minnesota Academy, and Whitehill presented at the North Central Meeting of Geological Society of America, both in April. Said Brugger, "I was most happy that the opportunity existed for students to do some interesting and significant research in a beautiful area."

Small College Computing Symposium and have a journal article under review by a computer journal -- co-authored with **Amy Gingrich Schultz** '98, and **Bill Royce** '97. Joe has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Brown University next fall, and will spend the summer working at Livermore National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif."

-**Dian Lopez**
Computer Science

"I am engaged in a MAP project with **Michelle Forsberg**. We are conducting an in-depth study of the poetry of **Nancy Morejon**, a 20th century Afro-Cuban poet. We have situated her poetry within

The direct impact comes from the money that is spent for goods and services, which is re-circulated throughout the community thus creating a multiplier effect. Though these numbers may be understated (and all are not included in this brief item), UMM does substantially contribute to the economy of the Morris community."

-**Joan Reicosky**
Economics/Management

"I am working with four very fine students this year on a variety of projects. Two are MAPs and two are working on physics research projects with me. **Courtney Miller** (MAP) is researching

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the colonial response to calendar reform. The Gregorian calendar reform was implemented in the colonies by the British in 1752. Courtney, a studio art major, has researched newspapers and personal diaries from the period to find out how the colonies and colonials reacted.

"Eddy Cox (MAP), a varsity baseball player, is studying the temperature dependence of the enthalpy of hydration of polyacrylamide granules. He is a junior physics and chemistry major interested in high school teaching.

"Matt Kelm was a MAP with me last year and has continued to study heat flow in porous media as his physics advanced lab this year.

"Ben Stottrup, a physics major, has been investigating zenith twilight polarization and will head for the University of Washington in physics."

-Gordon McIntosh
Physics

"Sean Menke has been working with me for the past two years on a project related to the recent epidemic of malformed frogs in Minnesota and elsewhere. He began his research as a MAP and has continued it this year as a research assistant funded by a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Sean has modified a published technique for clearing and staining whole frog specimens, and applied it to newly metamorphosed mink frogs. The technique removes natural pigments

leaving the soft tissues transparent, while staining cartilage blue and bone red. Thus he has been able to specifically describe the skeletal defects found in malformed frogs as well as to uncover hidden defects not seen on external examination."

-David Hoppe
Biology

"I have for years been working on a project with numerous students. This year's group includes **Wendy Mortensen, Nikki LaPointe, Melissa Anderson, Kelley McGinnis and Phoua Yang**, in order of seniority. The research involves data collection and analyses on the project on microinfluences of emotion and motivation on cognition using event-related brain potentials (ERP). Our results continue to be promising."

-Eric Klinger
Psychology

"This year and last have seen several years of work with a variety of excellent students really come to fruition. Several years ago I began a new research program in the area of Evolutionary Computation (EC), and we're now seeing that work pay off in the form of publications and presentations. One of the reasons I chose to work in EC (where we evolve solutions to problems that are not amenable to more traditional problem solving methods) was that it's a new field that undergraduate students find is both exciting

and accessible. I've had the pleasure of working with Justin Miller ('95), Mitch Reiersen ('97), Nick Hopper, and Eric Hadden this year."

-Nic McPhee
Computer Science

"Along with students, **Jing Chan, Patricia Dittel, Sarah Kjolhaug, Tristi Kringle, Molly Maass, Nicole LaPointe, Rufino Rodriguez and Maureen Sheehan**, we are investigating the effects of stress during gestation and raising stressed pups on maternal behavior in mice. **Carolyn Merkle and Debra Smith** are investigating whether estrogen is the hormone responsible for inducing sexual receptivity in female meadow voles. One of the topics in sexual behavior which we know almost nothing about is female desire. The project of **Melissa Olson and Debra Smith** intends to offer both male and female mice access to the opposite sex, but only if the experimental animal will endure risk to gain that access. This will be one of the first investigations of female desire in animals."

-Leslie R. Meek
Psychology

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World Championships in Bucharest, Romania in August.

Edward Rewolinski (former UMM Vice Chancellor for Finance) was recognized for his community service by the AIDS Action Committee of Boston at the 11th Annual AIDS Action Committee ceremony on February 6. Edward was one of 14, including Senator Edward Kennedy, so honored.

Julie Patterson-Pratt, assistant professor of theater, and **Alex Barrett**, senior theater major, were invited to adapt a readers theater script for the book *Readers Theatre* by Gerald Lee Ratlin, due out this fall.

Michael Snowden, educational coordinator for the Minority Student Program, was named Director of Minority Affairs at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga.

Ronald Morris has been named part-time community program assistant in the Minority Student Program, a position vacated by **Estee Snowden**.

Norrine L. Ostrowski and the Morris Area Girls' Circle Program have received a grant from the Office of University Women, Twin Cities campus, to fund next year's one-day workshop.

Recipient for a Minnesota Book Award for History is Art Professor **Fred Peterson** for his book, "Building Community, Keeping the Faith: German Catholic Vernacular Architecture in a Rural Minnesota Parish" (Minnesota Historical Society). National and local publishers submitted nearly 300 books for consideration at the 11th annual event, a list trimmed to 74 nominees by a screening jury this past winter.

Chancellor Sam Schuman was interviewed by KCCO-TV, Alexandria on April 23. The focus of the interview was primarily the new science and math facility. UMM student **Steph Opatz '00**, KCCO intern, was behind the camera as KCCO staffer Kathryn Bracho conducted the interview.

Senior **Ron Morris** is the student recipient and **Jeri Mullin**, Registrar's office, is the AFSCME recipient of the Mary Martelle Memorial Award.

Recipients of this year's Outstanding Service Awards are **Jeri Mullin**, AFSCME, and **Gordon Harstad**, Teamsters.

Former UMM Professor of Theatre, **George Fosgate**, appeared as Colonel Pickering in "My Fair Lady" February 19-March 21 at the Eastside Performance Center in Portland, Ore.

What qualities should UMM be looking for in its next Chancellor?

The following individuals have agreed to serve as the search committee to provide leadership in the search process for selection of a chancellor for the Morris campus: Eric Klinger, professor of psychology, chair; John Imholte, professor of history; James Cotter, professor of geology; Peh Ng, associate professor of mathematics and assistant dean; Ishtiyaque Haji, associate professor of philosophy; Judy Kuechle-Olson, associate professor of elementary and secondary education; James Gremmels, professor of English; Maddy Maxeiner, director of fund development and assistant to the Chancellor; Ricky Hall, director of Minority Student Program; Karen Ellis, program associate, University College; Lois Kunde, senior food service worker, Turtle Mountain Cafe; Bessy Rodriguez, student; Bryan Herrmann, student; Keith Davison, retired judge and member, West Central Educational Development Association; and Craig Swan, professor of economics and vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost (UM-TC). The University will engage a search firm, chosen with the committee's guidance, to assist it in seeking out the best candidates for the position. Before activating the search, the committee will facilitate a forum to elicit views regarding the qualities that are judged to be important in a future chancellor. The committee will also review the job announcement and advertisements

before they are publicized. The review of applications and nominations by the search committee will commence by the beginning of fall semester. It is U of M President Yudof's goal to make a hiring decision by spring semester 2000. The committee will conduct its business in as open a manner as the circumstances of a search such as this will permit. The committee will keep the Morris campus continually up-to-date on the status of the search as it progresses. The committee can be reached via e-mail addressed to <chancellorsearch@mrs.umn.edu>.

When asked, here's how some UMM alumni responded (space limitations did not allow printing of all responses):

"The next Chancellor must recognize UMM's 'Public Ivy' image and reputation but at the same time resist the temptation to become too elitist and thereby create barriers to UMM's more traditional student base."

Tom Hausmann '85
Waverly, Iowa

"The new Chancellor should have on the top of their list: Getting the football and basketball programs back on track."

Gregg Vieregge '75
Alexandria

"A true understanding of and dedication to students. The person should not only TALK about being pro-student, but their career life and their ACTIONS

should show them being pro-student. Development of the student is what UMM is about. A chancellor must prize that development and all of the resources and activities needed to support it, above all else."

Rhoda (Christensen) Schrader '79
St. Cloud

"The Vision of Rodney Briggs. The Endurance of Jack Imholte. The Enthusiasm of Dave Johnson. Above all the love of a public school liberal arts education."

Patrick Gannon '70
Antioch, Ill.

"I would hope the new chancellor understands the unique role UMM plays as both the major educational institution in west central Minnesota and also as a small liberal arts college with a growing national reputation. Someone - who has administrative experience in a distinguished liberal arts university and who is committed to building on that liberal arts tradition at UMM - who is deeply committed to shared governance in both theory and practice; - who would emphasize a commitment to both excellence in teaching and excellence in research/publications - with character, who will make principled decisions that may not always be popular but will be in the best interests of the university."

Dennis Clausen '65
Escondido, Calif.

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About Faculty:

UMM faculty seem to me to teach more (and teach better) than most professors in a research university setting; and they do more (and better) research than professors at most liberal arts colleges! -Sam Schuman

Athletics Update

Mark Fohl, Director of Athletics



Mark Fohl

The winter sports season has drawn to a close. The women's basketball team had a successful season under new head coach, Carol Thelen. The men's team showed improvement in the latter part of the season; however, they struggled with inexperience and finished without a win in the conference season. The highlight of the winter season was the achievement of B.J. Friedrichs in earning All-American honors at the Division II National Wrestling Tournament. B.J. is the first UMM wrestler to earn this honor in Division II.

The Regional Fitness Center is taking shape, and completion is scheduled for early September. Working in a construction zone has presented some challenges, but the end result should greatly improve fitness and recreational opportunities for our students and community members.

One of the primary items of interest over the winter months has been the discussions of the Athletic

Task Force. The Athletic Task Force was initiated by Interim Chancellor Sam Schuman in order to study the possible actions that might be taken in order to provide for our athletes the same kind of rewarding experience that students at UMM receive in the classroom. The initial plan was to have the discussions completed and recommendations brought forward by the end of winter quarter. However, the Task Force discussions continued into spring quarter.

Members of the Task Force included faculty, administrators, coaches, alumni and students. The entire coaching staff met with the Task Force, and the student-athletes met with the group during spring quarter. The discussions of the Task Force have been thorough, and a great deal of information has been presented and analyzed. Items discussed have included national affiliation, conference affiliation, athletic aid, budgets, staffing, facilities and recruiting. There is much work yet to do, and the coaching staff and athletes are anxious to know the results. Our athletic programs have had brief periods of success in some sports, and we have had some outstanding individual accomplishments; however, we have had difficulty being consistently competitive. Our goal is to provide rewarding experiences for our athletes in a professional and enjoyable environment.

Purely academic

Women's cross country was named to the 1998 NCAA II Academic All-American Women's Cross Country Teams. UMM finished 11th in the nation with a team GPA of 3.43. Five student-athletes were named to this year's NSIC All-Academic Football Team: Monti Ossenfort, Brad Hilger, Travis Kraker, Joe Bartos, and Riley DuBois.

The National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America announced the College

Academic Team award, based on team GPA. The UMM women's soccer would have finished with the top team GPA in Division II soccer and the second team GPA in all of women's college soccer, but was unable to enter because it was a first-year program in 1998. However, women's soccer placed 8 of 20 players on the NSIC Academic Team: Carissa Andersen, Tricia Clark, Jill Druley, Katey Ehrenberg, Rachael Jurek, Carrie Poehler, Kathryn Kelsey and Katie Fuller.

home any All-Americans. Selected to the NCAA II Academic All-American Wrestling Team were senior **B.J. Friedrichs**, junior **Randy Rager**, and sophomore **Matt Sloneker**. Friedrichs is one of 12 wrestlers nationally who were selected to the 1998-99 team for the third straight year. Friedrichs became the first UMM athlete in any collegiate sport to earn All-American honors in the NCAA Division II when he placed 6th at the NCAA II National Wrestling Championships. He is just the eighth UMM wrestler to break the 100 win barrier, and the first UMM wrestler ever to win the "triple crown of wrestling": 100 collegiate wins, All-American wrestling honors, and named to the Academic All-American team.

SEASON PREVIEW

Baseball - "I think we're going to be strong in the outfield with two returning starters. We've got good catchers and a lot of pitchers," said baseball Coach Mark Fohl at the beginning of the Cougar baseball season. Fohl is optimistic about the players on this year's team:

Marquise Watts "talks the talk," "walks the walk" of men's basketball



MARQUISE WATTS

While hurrying over to the P.E. Center, I was trying to go over the things I wanted to discuss with this week's Cougar Spotlight, **Marquise Watts**. I was worried that I didn't have enough questions and we wouldn't have enough to talk about. These worries proved to be unfounded as I sat and talked with the junior point guard for nearly 45 minutes. Actually, he did most of the talking.

One of the first things Marquise told me as we sat in an empty classroom on the second floor of the P.E. Center was how his love for talking mixes with his love for basketball.

In mid-February, according to Head Basketball Coach Jim Severson, the Cougars turned in their best first-half performance of the season, taking a 35-32 halftime lead over nationally ranked Northern State. Playing a 3-2 matchup zone, UMM limited NSU to 35 percent shooting from the floor, crashed the boards, and did a good job taking care of the basketball. But, according to Watts, it's even simpler than that: "We just did a lot of talking and played together as a team defensively. That's something that, at times, we didn't do this year. To be a good defensive team, you need to be talking all the time and communicating."

Watts is definitely a talker; his skill with words may be unmatched if not for his prowess on the basketball court. He was recruited by a number of colleges coming out of high school in Milwaukee and by some twist of fate ended up at a small college in west central Minnesota.

"I wanted to get away from

home a little bit. It's funny because all the schools that recruited me were in cities that I thought were too small. I was like '100,000 people? Nah, that's too small.' A couple other D-II schools on the West Coast were offering me things and I was like, 'Nah, that's a town of 12,000 people, I think it's too small.' "

Oddly enough, Morris was not too small or too far away for him. Watts was recruited by Coach Severson's brother, who lives and scouts in Milwaukee. He turned down athletic scholarships and a chance to play Division I ball, with the hope that he'd play for a winner and eventually receive an athletic scholarship from UMM.

Things have not gone according to plan and, according to Watts, it is the absence of scholarships that have kept Morris from becoming a perennial contender.

"It's almost impossible, unless you get extremely lucky, to get top players. Right now we don't have a really big center or post player, but it's hard to get those types of players without money." The situation, said Watts, has forced several players to change positions to fill the gap.

A member of the NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Watts is vocal in his belief that UMM needs to offer athletic scholarships. With him, the bottom line is winning and putting yourself and your team in a position to succeed. This means having the resources to offer scholarships. And, adds Watts, "it all comes back. You give out money to the students, but

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IT'S A WRAP

Men's basketball - Illness and injury plagued the Cougar men's basketball team, who finished the 1998-99 season with a 2-25 record, under Head Coach Jim Severson. Junior **Marquise Watts**, sophomore **Eric Beckmann** and sophomore **Jamie Thompson** received conference honorable mention.

Women's basketball - The Cougar women's basketball team, under Head Coach Carol Thelen, finished their season, 13-14 overall, 5-7 in the conference. It is the last season for five seniors -- **Laurie Plahn**, **Anna Townsend**, **Laura Higgins**, **Heather Kappes** and **Tara Sugden**. Townsend became the second All-Time leading scorer for UMM. This was the first group of seniors to finish their four-year record above 500.

Men's wrestling - The men's wrestling team closed out the 1998-99 season placing in 18th in the 42nd Annual NAIA National Wrestling Championships, but failed to bring

Jason Mix, the Cougars' leading returning hitter at better than .300; **Keith Kinsley** and **Eddy Cox**, pitchers. Catcher **Craig Peterson** and second baseman **Robbie Bahr** have also provided solid play and team leadership. **Men's Golf** - The men's golf team began season competition April 23-25 at Mankato State. Returners to the team

Fredrickson, **Melissa Olson**, and **Megan McGinnity**, all freshmen. This past fall, the team finished third in the NSIC conference tournament hosted by Northern State. Niehoff was named to the NSIC All-Conference Team.

Track and Field - The 1999 Cougar Track & Field squad, hovering at over 40 students strong on the roster will

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are **Chris Bauk**, **Paul Hinz**, **Mark Kreie**, **Mark Kurtz**, **Scott Shosted** (All-Conference in the fall), and **Grant Swenson**. New to the team are **Eric Means** and **Grant Nolan**. Last year the men won the Macalester Invitational and placed 4th in the conference. **Women's Golf** - Ten student-athletes are competing this spring: **Nicole Neu**, **Tracy Anderson**, **Paula Mack**, all seniors; **Sarah Gravalin**, **Jana Bunjer**, **Deanna Rabideaux**, all juniors; **Lindsay Niehoff**, a sophomore; and **Kailee**

compete against some tough competition, but Coach Tim Steinbach feels his team is ready for action. "Steiny" expects strong results from the group of athletes who also competed in the indoor season in February. The team was a smaller size, but it has provided for a core group for the spring outdoor season.

when you go to the national tournament, the NCAA is giving you money. When you're good, you can pack the gym, which brings in more money...a lot of people might not even know where Morris is; it's putting Morris on the map and bringing in money and advertising for the University."

When he's not campaigning for athletic scholarships, Watts is a political science major and economics minor. "Eventually, I want to be a senator...politics is my ultimate goal. But, hopefully I'll be fortunate enough to play basketball overseas after I gradu-

ate. It's not going to be anything like making a million dollars, but it's money and it's fun."

Watts has always been a competitor and this year's 2-25 Cougar men's basketball season has been difficult. It has been a learning experience, however. Watts feels that it is not his win-loss record that will be his legacy at UMM. "Hopefully, people will say and I'll say to myself when I'm done: 'Hey, I've worked hard and I gave it my best shot, and let the chips fall where they may.'"

- KIRK ALBERTSON '01, Spearfish, S.D.

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"Students need a chancellor who has the ability to communicate with them. Approachability and student access would be nice."

Stacy (Olson) Henrichs '98
Pipestone

"I have always viewed UMM as an institution which develops leaders for 'out-state' Minnesota. Alumni populate school boards, city councils, classrooms and business leadership positions in their communities. If you accept that the out-state communities are the consumers of UMM's product, it would be appropriate to have a chancellor with roots in rural Minnesota. A deep understanding of the culture of the institution is at least as important as any of the other desired attributes sought. UMM has been in existence for over 30 years. I would like to think that one of its graduates or teaching faculty would have the management experience and vision to return and run the school."

William McNary '74
Amherst, N.H.

"An unwavering commitment to a quality, undergraduate, liberal arts education. Continued concentration on the recruitment and retention of academically superior students and a faculty who are equipped and eager to deal

with this type of student body. Ensure increased use of technology both in and out of the classroom. A positive attitude toward UMM's rural location and a sensitivity to the scope of its effects on the surrounding communities."

Beth Gillespie Hallauer '87
Rochester, N.Y.

"Having a person with skills to build bridges with the off campus community is very important as well as the necessary academic qualifications. People skills are so important in a rural area in order to keep support for our school. UMM needs to be a part of the community not aloof from it."

Karl Retzlaff '67
Morris

"Someone with a good academic background but who has spent 20-30 years in the world of business, government or military...someone who is intelligent, practical, experienced, with vision and compassion and who is sincerely interested in the future of young people."

David Moe '64
Juneau, Alaska

Send comments to: Vivian Heltemes, Alumni Relations, UMM. All comments will be forwarded to the search committee.

The Dean Experiment

How smoothly can a campus operate under an interim chief administrator? If the campus is in Morris, the transition for Sam Schuman from an academic dean to interim chancellor has been smoother than one may expect, thanks to UMM faculty — Ted Underwood, Jennifer Nellis, Peh Ng, and Michael Korth — who have assumed the roles of assistant deans and chair of the Curriculum Committee, respectively.

With the help of these four qualified assistants, the academic dean's position has maintained the same integrity as when Schuman held the position on a full-time basis. In addition to their normal classroom and curriculum duties, the four have assumed additional roles in the areas of faculty, semester conversion, curriculum, and student concerns.

"I think the experimental allocation of administrative functions in the dean's office to four dedicated and talented faculty members has worked even better than I had hoped," said Schuman. "Little seems to have fallen into a crack between the four assistant deans; much has been accomplished."

Working with one of the most transitional topics facing the campus is Professor of Mathematics, Peh Ng. As the assistant academic dean for semester conversion, Ng has been assisting students and staff prepare for the fall 1999 transition to semesters. Many of Ng's duties have included organizing semester conversion workshops for students, getting a finalized class schedule for new classes, and preparing the faculty for upcoming re-introduction of a common course (previously called "Inquiry," now, the First Year Seminar).

While Ng's primary focus is assuring the smooth transition to semesters at UMM and UMM within the University system, she asserts that "my primary obligation is still my teaching

and my research with students. I am committed to excellence in my position [as a professor of mathematics]."

Also helping with the transition to semesters is Michael Korth, chair of the Science and Mathematics Division, who has assumed the additional role as chair of the Curriculum Committee. Korth believes that he has taken the Committee down the same path as Schuman, and that he, along with the other members of the Curriculum Committee, are moving things forward in preparation for semester conversion. "The great bulk of semester conversion occurred previously - but there were many details that needed organizing," he noted.

Studio Art Professor Jenny Nellis has had an "interesting time meeting with the students" during the term of her position. While she has relinquished some of her teaching duties to Kevin Flicker, another faculty member of the art discipline, Nellis assures all that she has "no shortage of things to do." While Nellis has many important tasks as assistant dean of students, including chairing the athletic task force, she has tried to keep her two offices separate by serving two office hours a week in the Dean's office in addition to her current duties. However, Nellis misses the benefits of teaching. "I like the interruption you have in the classroom with the students," Nellis added.

Much like the others, Professor of History Ted Underwood has adjusted class time to assume his new position. As Assistant Dean of Faculty, Underwood has greatly enjoyed his increased role: arranging sabbaticals, assisting with faculty appraisals, and helping faculty members obtain grants and other opportunities to further research. "I'm very proud of the faculty," said Underwood. "There've been chal-

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Cornerstone



HIGH ABOVE THE CROWD The Cougar banner has held a proud spot among other championship banners above a basketball hoop in the P.E. Center.

Here's Looking at YOU, Cougar!

Maggie Dylla (Library) relates this story: "Remember a custom design banner business in Morris in 1969 named Maganards? Well, that's the business that hand designed and custom made the maroon and gold Cougar banner that adorns the walls of

the P.E. Center. Who were these entrepreneurs? Maggie (Larson) Dylla and Ardath Larson -- both veteran employees of the Rodney A. Briggs Library.

"The P.E. Center was newly build and the call went out for the Cougar banner. We bid it at \$40 plus ex-

A Look Back at Historical Highlights of UMM

penses, and OF COURSE got the job! We can't remember how ungodly many yards of maroon and gold felt are involved -- but it's a lot. The carpenter shop built the frame, onto which the sewn together yards of maroon were mounted.

The P.E. Center printed programs had the silhouette of the Cougar head on them and we simply used an opaque projector to enlarge that image, traced it on to brown shipping paper, cut out the image and copied it onto the gold felt. All was well until we picked up the "Cougar head" to move it onto the maroon and ended up with what resembled a pile of rags! It took many hours to reconstruct the image onto the maroon so that it actually once again

resembled a Cougar -- and then many more hours of crawling around with many bottles of Elmer's glue to fasten the head to the frame.

If nothing else, this story can serve as testimony to the Elmer's Glue Company. Thirty years and that cougar head still sticks to its maroon felted frame!

(Upon close inspection, you might even see the "Maganards" logo.)

Ponder for the next issue:

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At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

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allenges, but I've not found any of them
baffling or unsurpassable."

Much like the others,
Underwood "misses the teaching, and
the courses," but has found the experi-
ence valuable. "I've really liked work-
ing with the administration," com-
mented this former chair of the Divi-
sion of the Social Sciences. "Sam is a
delight to work with. We are all kind of
a team: Sam, Nancy Mooney, execu-
tive assistant in the Dean's office,
Cathleen Brannen, vice chancellor for
finance, Darla Peterson, executive sec-
retary in the Dean's office, and all of the
other deans." In short, says Underwood,
"there's always challenges, but it's go-

ing well."

Schuman believes that sepa-
rating the "deanships" into three assis-
tant deans plus one chair person has
proved to be an "interesting experiment
in collaborative institutional govern-
ment, which has worked very, very
well.

"I am most appreciative and
grateful for the exceptional work which
has been done this year by Peh Ng, Ted
Underwood, Michael Korth and Jenny
Nellis. Surely the campus shares that
gratitude and appreciation."

-SARAH HOGAN '01
Milwaukee, Wis.

June 4	Alumni Association Second Annual Golf Tournament Pheasant Acres Golf Course, Rogers, Minn. Information: Vivian Heltemes (320) 589-6066
June 11	UMM Commencement
June 12	MSP Alumni Association Annual Meeting/Alumni Event Highland Park, Minn. Information: Vivian Heltemes (320) 589-6066
July 16	Friends of UMM Football Golf Outing Links National Golf Course, Sauk Centre, Minn. Information: Ken Crandall (320) 589-6432
July 17-18	West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Reunion Honoring former faculty and staff and Classes of '44, '49, '54, and '59
August 26-29	New Student Orientation
August 30	Fall Semester Classes Begin
October 15-17	UMM Homecoming •Decade of the '90s Reunion, Class of '69 Reunion •Alumni Career Fair •Alumni Association Annual Meeting •UMM Cougars vs. UMC Golden Eagles

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